

Literary Notes.

THE PREACHER'S MAGAZINE for May is a Memorial Number and of unusual merit. The leading article is a memorial address, "The Monument's Message," by Rev. Charles Elmer Allison. It is able and eloquent, and worthy of the first place in this rich number. The sermon by Rev. R. S. Kellerman, entitled, "No Discharge," is a strong and patriotic one. The Rev. Mark Guy Pearse presents another of his attractive papers, named, "The True Beauty." "The Attack and Defense" and "Slain Jonathan" are choice outlines in the Homiletical Department. "Thoughts for Memorial Day" contains a full and varied selection of excellent articles, with suitable reflections for Memorial Day. Among them, "A tribute to our Heroic Dead," by N. J. Brown; "A Day of Commemoration," by Rev. James M'Laren; "America; 'tis but another name for Opportunity," by George R. Van de Water, D. D.; "The Grand Army," "Our Memorial Day," "The Bivouac of the Dead," etc., etc. "Love of Country," by the President James A. Garfield, is very good. Children's Sermons, Notes and Illustrations, are ample and appropriate. Dr. William E. Ketcham's Notes on the Lessons and Outlines on the Golden Texts are helpful. Dr. C. F. Deems' Prayer Meeting Talks are full of originality, and a real aid. It is a valuable and interesting number and deserves careful attention. Fifteen cents a copy, \$1.50 per year, Wilbur B. Ketcham, Publisher, 2 Cooper Union, N. Y.

THE April illustrated Magazine Number of The Outlook contains the usual variety of timely and readable articles. The hundredth anniversary of the birth of Prescott the historian calls out a personal sketch of the great American writer by Kenyon West. It abounds in anecdote and discrimination criticism, and is illustrated by rare portraits and other pictures from originals furnished by members of the Prescott family now living. Most of these have never before been printed. Another article of special timeliness is that of the well-known musical critic, Mr. H. E. Krehbiel, on the Cincinnati Musical Festival, which takes place this year in May. The influence of this festival on the musical culture of the country is well brought out. There are twenty-four illustrations, including a new portrait of Nordica, portraits of many of the leading musical artists to appear this year, and exterior and interior views of the Cincinnati Music Hall. Dr. R. L. Dickinson, whose article on "Bicycling for Women"

in the March Magazine Number of The Outlook attracted much favorable comment, follows it this month with one on women's dress in bicycle-riding, with eleven illustrations. Other important illustrated articles are, "The Higher Life of New Orleans," by Miss Grace King (twenty-six illustrations,) and "John Wesley," by Dean Farrar, of Canterbury (ten illustrations.) Ian Maclaren's novel, "Kate Carnegie," continues to present humorous and characteristic sketches of village life in and about Drumtochty—the scene of his famous short stories. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 13 Astor Place, New York.)

READERS of THE HOMILETIC REVIEW will find its Review Section for May filled with timely articles of very special interest. The opening article is an interesting article on "Natural Facts Illustrative of the Biblical Account of the Deluge," by Sir J. William Dawson, LL. D., F. R. S., of McGill University, Montreal, gives a comprehensive resume of facts recently brought to light confirmatory of the Biblical account of the Noachic Deluge. "A Newer Chapter in the Warfare of Science," by Professor Jesse B. Thomas, of Newton Theological Seminary, is an interesting article. "The Triumph of Christianity" is the concluding portion of the remarkable farewell address, in New York, of Dr. John Henry Barrows, on his departure for India to present Christianity to the cultured classes there. Rev. M. H. Valentine's paper, entitled "An Application of the Inductive Method in the Study of Christ's Person," has practically the force of a demonstration of the divinity of Christ. Professor McCurdy, of Toronto, the great Assyriologist, author of "History, Prophecy, and the Monument," in treating of "The Silent Centuries in Egypt," casts a great amount of light upon the history of the chosen people during their long period of bondage in Egypt.

The Sermonic, Illustration, Exegetical, and Expository, Miscellaneous, Editorial and Prayer Sections, are filled with more than usual interesting and helpful matter.

The points that strike us as specially noteworthy in the present number of the REVIEW are its breadth and comprehensiveness, its constant practical bearing, and the timeliness of up-to-dateness of its discussions.

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THE religion that bears no cross is not the religion of Christ.

Items of Interest.

—Recently the British and Foreign Bible Society presented a printing-press to the Katholikos, or chief bishop, of the old Armenian church, for the sole purpose of printing editions of the Armenian Scriptures.

—There are now in Japan 400 Protestant churches as a result of twenty-five years labor, fifty Young Men's Christian Associations, eighteen circles of King's Daughters, and six Home Missionary Societies.

—A London jury has just given a verdict of \$60,000 damages against a distinguished physician. He was called in to perform a surgical operation, and used the knowledge he obtained to the detriment of the reputation of the patient.

—One of the correspondents of the *London Baptist* says that in a conversation with Barry, the hangman, who died recently, Barry told him that he had in his life hung 600 persons, and there was not a teetotaler among them. What a great temperance speech those few words make!

—Drunkenness is not only the cause of crime, it is a crime, and the encouragement of drunkenness for the sake of profit on the sale of drink is certainly one of the most criminal methods of assassination for money ever adopted by the bravoes of any age or country.—*John Ruskin*.

—The *New York Tribune* speaks very strongly, and yet not too emphatic, when it says: "The liquor traffic is to day the heaviest clog upon progress, and the deepest disgrace of the nineteenth century." The awful work in Armenia is not such a disgrace as is the liquor traffic to this century.

—Newspapers have been stating that the larger number of insane were farmers. Mr. Titus, Secretary of the Trustees for the Insane in Minnesota, says that he knows, and it is not true. He says that by actual statistics the large cities furnish more insane than do the country. Mr. Titus ought to know.

—The latest which we suppose is about as true as all the rest, is that the pope wishes Cuba to be annexed to the United States, because it would give him three Catholic states and six Catholic Senators. And he is a great deal more anxious to gain control in the United States than to strengthen a weak country like Spain.

No one can know Christ well and be ignorant of what he taught.